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Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 33rd and 34th meetings, on 26 and 28 March 2014, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/68/779) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/68/L.37. At the 33rd meeting, the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/68/807). The draft decision submitted by the Chair following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ghana (A/C.5/68/L.34) was before the Committee (see para. 4).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/68/SR.33 and 34).

3. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Singapore made a statement on behalf of the Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Decision of the Fifth Committee

4. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the

[1] A/68/779.

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, subject to the following:

(a) The Fifth Committee decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/68/L.37, net additional resources amounting to $194,300 would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, including an increase under section 24, Human rights ($9,855,200); section 28, Public information ($327,400); and section 29F, Administration, Geneva ($317,100), partially offset by a net decrease under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($10,305,400). Further, an additional amount of $751,200 would be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, this provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

(b) The Fifth Committee also decides to establish 38 posts (1 P-4, 33 P-3, 1 P-2 and 3 GS (Cther level)) effective 1 January 2015.

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[2] A/68/807.